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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 31-38 and 41-50 are pending in the application. Claims 34, 35, 38, 46 and 47 have been allowed.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

1. Claims 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (2000). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

2. Claims 31-33, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, 49 and 50 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (2000) in view of Zhang et al. (1990). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without conceding to the rejection raised by the Examiner, Applicants hereby cancel without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matters in a future application, claims 31-33, 43-50 in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Applicants further submit that claims 36, 37, 41 and 42 are in conditions of allowance because they are dependent from allowed claims 34, 35, 36 and 38. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present application be allowed with claims 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41 and 42.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully maintain that all the grounds of rejections raised in the July 7, 2007 Final Office Action have been addressed and earnestly urge the Examiner to render favorable action for the claimed invention.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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